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FOR SECRETARY FROM MOYNIHAN

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1. YOU WILL APPROVE, I HOPE, THE OPENING PARAGRAPHS OF THE
WASHINGTON POST REPORTER'S STORY ON THE SPECIAL SESSION.

2. QUOTE:

RICH AND POOR NATIONS REACH ACCORD ON WORLD ECONOMY

BY MICHAEL J. BERLIN

THE RICH AND POOR NATIONS OF THE WORLD MADE AN HISTORIC
BARGAIN AT THE UN EARLY TODAY THAT COULD EFFECT THE
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF EVERY PERSON ON THE GLOBE AND HAS
ALREADY CAUSED A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN THE ECONOMIC
AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WEST AND THE
THIRD WORLD.

THE DEAL EMERGED FROM 15 DAYS OF INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS
AT THE SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION ON ECONOMIC
COOPERATION. IT WAS EMBODIED IN A RESOLUTION OF LONG
AND TECHNICAL PARAGRAPHS, ENDORSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE
138 UN MEMBERS AFTER AN ALL-NIGHT SESSION.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT LIES NOT IN SPECI-
FICS, BUT IN THE VERY FACT THAT THE DEAL WAS MADE AND IN
THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE IT HAS GENERATED.

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IT IS A SURPRISING REVERSAL OF A TWO-YEAR TREND OF BITTER CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS, AND IT ESTABLISHES A NEGOTIATING AGENDA FOR GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT EXPERTS AT THE UN PREDICT WILL STRETCH OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

FOR THE U.S., IT WAS A MAJOR DIPLOMATIC COUP, REVERSING A DECADE OF OF DETERIORATING POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD. THE U.S. GAIN CAME AT THE EXPENSE OF THE RUSSIANS AND CHINESE WHO, IN THE WORDS OF U.S. AMBASSADOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN, "OPTED OUT OF THE NEW DIALOGUE."

WITHIN THE THIRD WORLD, IT WAS A TRIUMPH FOR THE MODERATES, WHO WANT COMPROMISE. "WHEN THE RADICALS TRIED TO TAKE OVER", MOYNIHAN TOLD THE POST TODAY, "WE DIDN'T BLINK AND THE RADICALS WERE BEATEN. THE MODERATES STOOD UP AND USED THEIR STRENGTH."

TO GET THE AGREEMENT, THE WEST MADE COMMITMENTS ON PRINCIPLE AND ON SPECIFICS FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE POOR THAT WENT "FAR BEYOND ANYTHING THAT HAS EVER BEEN DONE BEFORE," SAID BRITISH AMBASSADOR IVOR RICHARD.

BOTH EUROPEAN AND THIRD WORLD DIPLOMATS CREDITED THE U.S. IN PARTICULAR WITH A MAJOR CHANGE IN POLICY, AND A REAWAKENING AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE THIRD WORLD. UNQUOTE.

3. PERHAPS YOU WILL CALL TOM ENDERS.
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